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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Medical Officer of Health

AND

Sanitary Inspector

FOR THE YEAR

1952

Northallerton Rural District Council.

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NORTHALLERTON RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH FOR THE YEAR 1952.

Mr. Chairman, Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in submitting the following report on the public health services of the Rural District Council for the year 1952.

GENERAL PROVISIONS.

Public Health Officers.

Medical Officer of Health :

W. Sharpe, M.B., Ch.B., B.Sc., D.P.H.

Sanitary Inspector :

H. Templeman, M.S.I.A., C.S.I.B.,
Cert. (Meat and other Foods).

Additional Sanitary Inspector :

A. N. Errington, C.S.I.B.

County Nursing Staff operating in District :

Miss E. A. Clarke, Ainderby.
Miss E. L. Dicker, Knayton.
Mrs. N. Gattis, Osmotherley.
Miss S. E. Smith, East Cowton.
Miss E. Johnson, Northallerton.
Miss S. Kitching, Brompton.
Miss M. F. McCann, Northallerton.

Ambulance Service.

The district is served by the County Ambulance Station at Racecourse Lane, Northallerton.

Laboratory Service.

Public Health Laboratory, Friarage Hospital, Northallerton.

GENERAL STATISTICS OF THE AREA.

Area (in acres)	63,512
Population (Estimated mid-year 1952) ..	8,402
Population (1931 Census)	7,683
Inhabited Houses	2,629
Rateable Value	£35,792
Product of 1d. Rate	£143 9s. 9d.

VITAL STATISTICS.

	Males	Females	Total	Rates/1000 Home Population	
				Local	England & Wales
Live Births :					
Legitimate	76	64	140	17·2	15·3
Illegitimate	3	2	5		
Still Births : ..					
Legitimate	1	0	1	6·85*	22·6*
Illegitimate	—	—	—		
Deaths :					
All causes	40	50	90	10·7	11·3
Maternal causes ..	—	—	—	0·00*	0·72*
Infants under 1 year :					
Legitimate	3	4	7	48·3†	—
Illegitimate	—	—	—		

* Rates per 1,000 (live and still) births.

† Rates per 1,000 live births.

POPULATION.

	1952	1951	1950	1949	1948	1947	1946
Mid-year population ..	8,402	8,417	8,550	8,238	8,052	8,126	8,018
Birth rate	17·2	15·7	15·0	18·1	17·6	17·72	17·83
Death rate ..	10·7	10·8	11·5	11·0	12·4	12·3	11·59

CLASSIFIED CAUSES OF DEATHS.

Cause of Death	Males	Females	Total	Rates/1000 Home Population	
				Local	England & Wales
All Causes	40	50	90	10·7	11·3
Tuberculosis	1	—	1	0·12	0·24
Cancer	6	10	16	1·90	—
Cardio Vascular	24	29	53	6·31	—
Pneumonia	1	1	2	0·24	0·47
Other Respiratory Diseases	2	1	3	0·36	—
	2	—	2	0·24	—
Other defined or ill-defined diseases	2	6	8	0·95	—
Accidents	2	3	5	0·60	—

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

Infectious diseases notified	Males	Females	Total	Rates/1000 Home Population	
				Local	England & Wales
Typhoid fever	—	—	—	0·00	0·00
Paratyphoid fever ..	—	—	—	0·00	0·02
Meningocal infection ..	—	—	—	0·00	0·03
Scarlet fever	—	4	4	0·48	1·53
Whooping cough ..	24	23	47	5·59	2·61
Diphtheria	—	—	—	0·00	0·01
Erysipelas	—	—	—	0·00	0·14
Smallpox	—	—	—	0·00	0·00
Measles	6	6	12	1·43	8·86
Pneumonia	1	—	1	0·12	0·72
Acute Poliomyelitis (including polio-encephalitis)					
Paralytic	—	—	—	0·00	0·06
Non-Paralytic ..	—	—	—	0·00	0·03
Food poisoning ..	—	—	—	0·00	0·13
Puerperal Pyrexia ..	—	—	—	0·00*	17·87*

* Rates per 1,000 total (live and still) births.

From the statistical table listed above, it will be seen that the district had a very good record during the year in relation to the incidence of infectious disease. Whooping cough was the only disease to reach epidemic proportions.

It is very encouraging to report that no case of diptheria or anterior poliomyelitis occurred in the area.

I would again stress the need for continual propaganda to encourage parents to have their children protected against diptheria and smallpox. We have had during the year a strong reminder, by an outbreak of diptheria in a neighbouring district, that the disease is only dormant in the community, and that under suitable conditions it could again establish itself as a major epidemic disease with all its previous virulence. The immunisation state of the children under 15 years of age is as follows :—

Children aged 1 to 4 years .. 50%
„ „ 5 to 15 „ .. 71%

At the time of writing an even stronger warning has been received for the necessity of maintaining a high vaccination rate amongst the population. The recent outbreak of smallpox on the Lancashire–Yorkshire border which started amongst the cotton operatives in the area, again shows how easily the disease can be introduced into this country in spite of the formidable preventive measures which are continually in operation.

TUBERCULOSIS.

Age Group	New cases		Deaths	
	Pulmonary	Non-Pulmonary	Pulmonary	Non-Pulmonary
0–4	1	–	–	–
5–15	1	–	–	–
15+	9	–	1	–
	11	–	1	–

There were 32 cases of Pulmonary Tuberculosis and 16 cases of Non-Pulmonary Tuberculosis on the register at the 31st December, 1952, which gives a rate of 5·95 cases of Tuberculosis per thousand population as compared with 4·63 in 1951.

National Assistance Act, 1948.

Action was taken under section 47 of the above Act in one case.

ENVIRONMENTAL HYGIENE.

Water Supplies.

A temporary piped water supply was provided during the year to the village of Great Langton, to replace the existing shallow well supply which was grossly contaminated bacteriologically. This new supply which is filterated and chlorinated is taken from the source supplying Kiplin and will be superseded by the Cod Beck supply before the end of 1953, when it is hoped that the distribution scheme for the entire rural area will have been completed.

It will be a great relief from the public Health angle when it is possible to dispense with the existing shallow well supplies in the area which probably constitute the greatest potential health hazard to the local population at present.

Sewage Disposal.

The new sewage disposal plant serving the Parishes of Brompton and Romanby is now in operation although there is still some work to be done before the deep sewer and pumping plant serving Brompton Parish is completed. The effluent being delivered from the new plant is very satisfactory and in consequence the long standing nuisance in the River Wiske due to the inefficiency of the previous works has now been abated.

As mentioned in the previous year's report, the provision of a plentiful piped supply of water throughout the district will result in the demand from numerous villages for sewers and sewage disposal plant in order that the present conservancy method of disposal may be replaced by the water carriage system.

A system of priorities should be prepared in order that in the more urgent cases an outline of the proposed scheme can be prepared and submitted for Ministerial approval. It is appreciated that a preliminary survey has already been prepared by your Consulting Engineer, and that the magnitude of the task on economic grounds is considerable. Since the time lag between submission of an outline scheme to the Ministry and the receipt of a final starting date is a fairly lengthy one, I would, therefore, urge that the council consider carefully the advisability of presenting the more important schemes at a very early date.

Milk.

There are eight registered retail Milk Sellers in the area, who are supervised by the Sanitary Inspectors.

Ice Cream.

There are no manufacturers of ice cream in the district but there are twelve registered dealers who are supervised to ensure that they comply with the Ice Cream Regulations.

Meat and Food.

All food shops in the district are visited periodically by the Sanitary Inspector in an effort to improve the standard of hygiene in the handling of foodstuffs.

The centralised slaughter and inspection of meat is still carried out in the Northallerton Urban area. Your sanitary inspector as in previous years, has carried out relief duties on meat inspection when required.

I should like to take this opportunity of pointing out to the members of the Council the unsatisfactory system under which the meat inspectors at government controlled abattoirs have to work. There would appear to be no recognised uniform procedure of dealing with condemned meat in these abattoirs and apparently no direct guidance can be obtained from the Ministry involved. The situation has, of course, arisen since 1940, when slaughterhouse control was transferred to the central government ; previous to this, meat inspection was governed by the Food and Drugs Act, of 1938, but it now seems extremely doubtful whether this Act can now be applied or not since the system of inspection seems now to be controlled by a series of regulations.

This question of whether or not the Food and Drugs Act is applicable is no mere academic one but is extremely important from the local government angle. This has been shown recently by a demand on a neighbouring Authority for compensation where it is alleged that a mistake was made by the meat inspector in wrongly condemning a carcase.

A definite ruling on this problem is long overdue.

Factories and Workshops.

There are relatively few factories and workshops in the district but the important ones have been visited regularly with a view to improving the hygienic conditions. The full co-operation of the managements has been obtained when helpful criticism was offered.

Refuse Collection and Disposal.

The refuse collection staff have at times found it extremely difficult to maintain the routine collections, which at present are weekly in the larger villages and fortnightly in the more rural areas. Much as it would be desirable to extend the service there can be no question of doing so without augmenting the present staff.

Once again I must point out the undesirability of the tip at Yafforth Road although there has been some improvement during the year in its maintenance it is very desirable that a new tipping ground should be acquired.

Rodent Control.

The existing scheme of rodent control whereby a full time operator is shared with the Northallerton Urban Authority has worked satisfactorily during the year. Details of the work done will be found in the accompanying report of the Sanitary Inspector.

Rivers and Streams.

Following the completion of the sewage disposal works at Romanby there has been a marked improvement in the condition of the stream receiving the effluent.

A number of other water courses in the district are still polluted, the only satisfactory remedy being the construction of modern sewage disposal plants to serve the chief centres of population.

Housing.

It is very encouraging to report that during the year a start, albeit in a small way, has been made in rehousing families who are at present living in unfit houses. This question will have to be tackled seriously sooner or later and with each succeeding year the problem is becoming more and more acute. While appreciating that the housing of families without a home of their own must continue to receive top priority, it should be remembered that trying to live and rear a family in squalid unhealthy surroundings is probably as great a cause of domestic disharmony, with all its attendant anti-social consequences, as being forced to share a home.

I would strongly urge that when the council are considering their future building problems due consideration should be given to this aspect of the housing situation.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your Obedient Servant,

WM. SHARPE,
M.B., Ch.B., B.Sc., D.P.H

REPORT OF THE SANITARY INSPECTOR FOR THE YEAR 1952.

To the Chairman and Members of the Northallerton Rural District Council.

Gentlemen,

I beg to submit my Report for the year ended 1952 :—

General Sanitary Work.

598 Inspections and 383 Reinspections of premises were made under the Public Health and Housing Acts. 289 Informal Notices were served upon the owner/occupier of premises in respect of nuisances occurring thereon. The total number of nuisances abated was 340.

No Statutory Notices were served.

Analysis of Inspections, 1952.

Under Public Health and Housing Acts	490
Inspection of Council Houses	176
Interview with owners and Builders	295
Tents, Vans and Sheds	16
Verminous Premises	4
Total Inspection of Housing Conditions ..	981
Private Slaughterhouses	10
Bakehouses	5
Milk Retailers	20
Ice Cream Sellers	16
Fried Fish Shops	3
Food Preparing Rooms	12
Food Premises	30
Total Inspections with regard to Food ..	96
Investigations of Complaints	390
Drain Tests	90
Rat Inspections	474
Building Licences	59
Factories and Workshops	20
Water Supplies	107
Water Samples (Bact.)	43
,, ,, (Chem.)	2
Rivers and Streams	18

Building Construction Inspections	568
Sewage Works Inspections	60
Refuse Tip Inspections	32
Total of other Inspections	1,863
Grand total of Inspections	2,940

Summary of Sanitary Improvements, 1952.

Repairs to Roofs	55
,, ,, Walls, Pointing, etc	43
,, ,, Fallpipes and Eaves gutters	19
,, ,, Chimneys, Firegrates and Ovens ..	76
,, ,, Windows and Doors	27
,, ,, Floors	12
,, ,, Staircases	1
,, ,, Yard Surfaces	16
,, ,, and improvements to House Drains ..	94
,, ,, Coalhouses and Wash houses	10
Damp conditions remedied	37
Dirty and verminous houses cleaned	—

Water Supplies.

Insufficient supplies improved	30
Burst pipes and taps repaired	15
Internal supplies provided	38
Pumps repaired	20
Wells cleaned	2

Sanitary Conveniences.

W.C's and Yard Gullies cleansed	24
Pan Closets and Ashpits abolished	20
New water closets provided	53
Dust Bins provided and renewed	86
Setpots provided	14

Drainage.

Obstructed drains and sewers cleared	6
New sinks provided	14
Systems improved	43
Cess pools and Septic Tanks emptied	42
Water Courses Cleaned	10
New septic Tanks with Filter	12

Shops.

Walls, Floors, Ceiling and Windows Cleansed, Repaired, and Decorated	3
New sinks provided, Old Curtains removed—Cleansed ..	1

Food Premises.

New Food Preparation Apparatus	2
Walls, Floors, Ceiling, Cleansed and Decorated ..	1
Clean Towels provided	—
Hot Water	1

Factories.

W.C's Repaired	1
Walls, Floors and Ceilings of Sanitary Compartments Repaired, Cleansed and Painted	—
Walls, Floors and Ceilings of Sanitary Compartments Cleansed only	1
New Lighting (to Closets)	—

General.

Nuisances caused by keeping Animals abated ..	3
Total ..	832

FACTORIES ACT, 1937.

PART 1 OF THE ACT.

1. INSPECTIONS for purposes of provision as to health (including inspections made by Sanitary Inspectors).

Premises (1)	M/c line No. (2)	Number on Register (3)	Number of			M/c line No. (7)
			Inspections (4)	Written notices (5)	Occupiers prosecuted (6)	
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	1	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	1
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	2	27	20	2	Nil	2
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises ..	3	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	3
Total ..		27	20	2	Nil	

2. CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND.

(If defects are discovered at the premises on two, three or more separate occasions they should be reckoned as two, three or more " cases ").

Particulars	M/c line No.	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted	M/c line No.
		Found	Remedied	Referred			
				To H.M. Inspector	By H.M. Inspector		
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)
Want of cleanliness (S.I.) ..	4	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	4
Overcrowding (S.2) ..	5	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	5
Unreasonable temperature (S.3) ..	6	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	6
Inadequate ventilation (S.4.) ..	7	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	7
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6) ..	8	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	8
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)							
(*a*) insufficient ..	9	2	1	Nil	Nil	Nil	9
(*b*) Unsuitable or defective ..	10	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	10
(*c*) Not separate for sexes ..	11	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	11
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork)	12	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	12
TOTAL ..	60	2	1	Nil	Nil	Nil	60

Factories with Power.

Year 1952.

Ainderby Steeple	1
Borrowby	2
Brompton	6
East Cowton	1
East Harlsey	1
Osmotherley	6
Romanby	9
Great Smeaton	1
	27

Trades.

Builders	3
Linen Manufacturers	2
Bakers	2
Motor Repair Shops	11
Blacksmiths	5
Milk and Milk Products Manufacturers	1
Cold Stores	1
Sawmills	1
Millers	2
Sand and Gravel	1
Saddlers	1
Joiners	7
	37

Housing and New Buildings.

568 visits were made to or in respect of new buildings and buildings under construction.

The table below gives details of houses under construction and completed since 1945 in their respective Parishes :—

By Private Enterprise.

Parish	Completed 1945 to December, 1951	Completed during 1952	Under Construction at end of 1952
Ainderby Steeple ..	–	2	1
Birkby	2	1	–
Brompton	14	2	1
Cotcliffe	1	1	–
Ellerbeck	–	–	1
East Harlsey	2	–	–
East Cowton	–	–	1
Hutton Bonville ..	2	2	1
Great Langton	–	–	1
Great Smeaton ..	3	–	–
Kirby Sigston	–	1	–
Little Smeaton ..	–	–	1
Lazenby	–	–	2
Osmotherley	4	–	1
Morton-on-Swale ..	1	–	–
Romanby	7	1	5
Warlaby	1	–	–
Welbury	–	–	2
West Harlsey ..	1	1	–
West Rounton ..	–	–	1
	38	11	18

By Northallerton Rural District Council.

Ainderby Steeple ..	4	–	–
Appleton Wiske	8	–	8
Borrowby	4	–	–
Brompton	42	–	32
Danby Wiske ..	2	–	–
Deighton	2	–	–
East Cowton ..	4	–	–
Great Langton ..	2	–	–
Great Smeaton ..	4	–	–
Hornby	2	–	–
Kirby Sigston ..	2	–	–
Nether Silton	2	–	–
Osmotherley	6	–	8
Ellerbeck	2	–	2
Romanby	66	24	–
Thornton-le-Beans	2	–	–
Yafforth	2	–	–
Welbury	–	2	–
	156	26	50

Building Licences.

The table below gives details of work licensed during 1952:—

	No.	Value
		£
New Dwellings ..	26	55,514
Repairs and Adaptations ..	10	4,663
	36	60,177

PLANS ANALYSIS.

PLANS. 118 Plans were considered during the year. Details are shown in the table.

Parish	Layout	New Buildings	Alterations to Dwellings	Garages Sheds and Greenhouses	Cowsheds & Dairies	Other Agricultural Buildings	Wash-houses coal-houses & W.C's	Total
Ainderby Steeple ..	–	2	5	–	–	–	1	8
Appleton Wiske ..	–	–	2	1	–	–	–	3
Birkby ..	–	–	–	–	1	–	–	1
Borrowby ..	1	–	1	–	–	1	–	3
Brompton ..	1	4	–	2	–	3	–	10
Ellerbeck ..	–	1	–	–	–	–	–	1
Cowton East ..	–	1	–	–	–	1	–	2
Cowton South ..	–	1	1	–	–	–	–	2
Danby Wiske ..	–	4	1	1	–	–	–	6
Deighton ..	–	–	1	–	–	2	1	4
Harlsey East ..	–	–	–	–	–	2	–	2
Hutton Bonville ..	–	3	1	–	–	–	–	4
Kirby Sigston ..	–	1	–	–	–	–	–	1
Langton Great ..	–	1	1	1	–	–	–	3
Morton-on-Swale ..	–	–	–	–	–	1	–	1
Nether Silton ..	–	–	–	–	–	1	–	1
Osmotherley ..	1	4	4	–	–	–	–	9
Romanby ..	3	20	7	12	–	–	–	42
Rounton ..	–	1	–	–	–	1	–	2
Smeaton Great ..	–	1	–	3	1	–	1	6
Thrintoft ..	–	2	–	–	1	–	–	3
Welbury ..	1	2	–	–	–	–	–	3
Yafforth ..	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	1
TOTAL ..	8	48	24	20	3	12	3	118

Housing Survey Statement.

Categories
1. Satisfactory in all respects.
2. Minor defects.
3. Repairs or structural alterations.
4. Suitable for improvement under Housing [Act, 1949.
5. Unfit.

Number of houses to be surveyed in the area .. 2,250

Progress details of Survey	No. of Houses Surveyed	Categories					No. of over-crowding cases
		1	2	3	4	5	
Totals returned on previous statements ..	1,939	954	751	125	15	109	46
Details for year ..	29	–	–	12	1	17	9
Totals up to date ..	1,968	954	751	137	16	126	55
	–	–	–	–	–	–	10—
							45

DETAILS of action taken during the twelve months period ended 31st March, 1953.

Number of informal notices served	16
Statutory notices served under Sec. 9	Nil
Statutory notices served under Sec. 11	nil
Number of houses in clearance areas under Sec. 25 ..	nil
Overcrowding abatement notices	nil

Result of action taken :

Number of houses where repairs are in hand	3
Number of houses where repairs are completed	12
Number re-conditioned under Housing Act, 1949 ..	nil
Number of houses demolished (Sec. 11 or Sec. 25) ..	nil
Number of overcrowding cases abated	10

Shops.

During the year, 25 routine inspections were made. There were 2 instances of contraventions or improvements effected.

Streams and Water Courses.

Streams have been cleansed at Thrintoft, East Cowton, West Rounton and Nether Silton.

The Beck at Water End, Brompton, is in need of cleansing and, as mentioned in previous Reports, the Internal Drainage Board should be pressed to give this length of beck annual attention.

Rodent Control.

Consequent upon the passing of the Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949, the Rural and Urban Councils appointed a full-time Rodent Operator. He commenced duties in November, 1950, and divides his time equally between the two Authorities. Apart from dwelling houses, farms, and the Council's own property, *i.e.* refuse tips, sewers, and sewage works, treatments were carried out for British Railways.

The Council having accepted the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries financial grant scheme under Circular N.S. 19 give a free service to all private dwellings for the eradication of Rats and Mice. A charge is made for any treatment executed on business premises based on the labour involved, cost of baits and poison, travelling expenses, etc.

The following Table gives particulars of the work carried out during the year :—

	Infestations		No. of Inspections made	No. of Properties inspected
	Major	Minor		
Local Authorities Premises ..	3	5	90	8
Business Premises ..	2	12	62	27
Private Premises ..	2	26	114	45
Agricultural Property ..	10	15	110	32
Survey	—	—	98	—
	17	58	474	112

The estimated number of rats destroyed as calculated by the Ministry of Agriculture's formula is 1,312.

Water Supplies.

During the year progress continued on the Council's district water scheme.

The temporary piped water scheme for the village of Great Langton was brought into use towards the end of the year and this has removed a longstanding problem in this village.

Seasonal shortages of water occurred during the year, particularly in the late summer and early autumn, and it was found necessary to lead water to the villages of Streetlam and Great Langton.

The following Table shows details of those Parishes with piped water supplies.

Parish	Houses		Population	
	Direct Piped	Stand pipe	Direct piped	Stand pipe
Brompton	483	—	1,380	—
Romanby	484	—	1,320	—
Osmotherley	234	16	528	58
Nether Silton	22	8	74	25
West Rounton	22	5	60	12
Great Langton	—	24	—	—

NOTE :—The above figures relate only to the villages ; the outlying properties in the Parishes have wells.

Bacteriological Analysis of Water, 1952.

No.	Date of Sampling	Address	Summary of Analyst's Report
1	3-3-52	Tap, West View, Osmotherley	Slight contamination with Coliform Organisms (bacilli)
2	5-3-52	Tap, Kiplin Hall ..	Slight contamination as above
3	24-3-52	Tap, West View, Osmotherley	Some contamination with Coliform Organisms (non faecal)
4	9-5-52	Tap, Manor House, Whitwell	Gross contamination with Coliform Organisms (faecal & non faecal)
5	19-5-52	Well, Manor House, Whitwell ..	Gross contamination as above
6	28-5-52	Pump, Langton ..	Gross contamination as above
7	28-5-52	Pump, Langton ..	Gross contamination with Coliform Organisms (non faecal)

No.	Date of Sampling	Address	Summary of Analyst's Report
8	28-5-52	Tap, Clifton House, Morton-on-Swale	Gross contamination as above.
9	23-6-52	Pump, Black Bull, Great Smeaton	Moderate degree of contamination with Coliform Organisms (non faecal)
10	24-6-52	Pump, Post Office, East Cowton	Gross contamination with Coliform Organisms (faecal & non faecal)
11	24-6-52	Pump, Danby Wiske ..	Gross contamination with Coliform Organisms (faecal)
12	26-6-52	Churn, School, Ainderby	No contamination
13	26-6-52	Pump, Non Plus Inn, Morton-on-Swale	Gross contamination with Coliform Organisms (faecal & non faecal)
14	26-6-52	Pump, Railway Side, Ainderby Steeple	Gross contamination as above
15	26-6-52	Pump, Lord Nelson Inn, Appleton Wiske	Gross contamination as above
16	26-6-52	Pump, Lincoln House, Appleton Wiske	Gross contamination with Coliform Organisms (faecal)
17	26-6-52	Pump, Shop, Appleton Wiske	As above
18	26-6-52	Pump, Council Houses, Ainderby Steeple	Some contamination with Coliform Organisms (non faecal).
19	30-6-52	Pump, Yafforth ..	Gross contamination with Coliform Organisms (faecal & non faecal)
20	3-7-52	Pump, Borrowby ..	Gross contamination as above
21	3-7-52	Pump, Alpine Cottage, Borrowby	Gross contamination as above
22	28-7-52	River, River Wiske, Birkby	Gross contamination with Coliform Organisms (faecal)
23.	28-7-52	River, Ellerbeck ..	Gross contamination as above

No.	Date of Sampling	Address	Summary of Analyst's Rlport
24	28-7-52	Mill Race, Osmotherley ..	Gross contamination as above
25	21-7-52	River Swale, Great Langton	Gross contamination with Coliform Organisms (faecal & non faecal)
26	21-7-52	Tap, Oak Tree Farm, Darlington Road, Northallerton	Gross contamination as above
27	14-8-52	Pump, Crosby Manor Farm, Crosby	Gross contamination with Coliform Organisms (faecal)
28	28-8-52	Pump, Crosby Manor Farm, Crosby	Gross contamination as above
29	20-8-52	Tap, Crosby Court, Crosby	Slight contamination with Coliform Organisms (faecal & non faecal)
30	1-10-52	Pump, Crosby Manor Farm, Crosby	Gross contamination with Coliform Organisms as above
31	16-10-52	Pump, Yafforth ..	Gross contamination with Coliform Organisms (faecal)
32	2-11-52	Tap, Langton ..	Gross contamination with Coliform Organisms (non faecal)
33	11-11-52	Standpipe, School, Langton	No contamination
34	14-11-52	Standpipe, Langton ..	Slight contamination with Coliform Organisms (non faecal)
35	26-11-52	Hydrant, Langton ..	Slight contamination as above
36	27-11-52	Hydrant, Langton ..	Slight contamination as above
37	9-12-52	Crosby Manor Farm, Crosby	No contamination
38	10-12-52	Standpipe, Langton ..	No contamination
39	11-12-52	Barkhouse Farm, Yafforth	Gross contamination with Coliform Organisms (faecal & non faecal)
40	18-12-52	Standpipe, Langton ..	No contamination

Refuse Collection and Disposal.

In late January, the Council took delivery of a new twelve cubic yard capacity Karrier refuse collector to replace the seven cubic yard capacity Karrier Bantam which was sold. Although each village in the rural area is served by the vehicles, the increase in house building continues to place a great strain on the services.

The tip at Yafforth Road, Northallerton, continues to be used but an alternative tip will have to be found as the same is rapidly being filled up.

The following tables give details of the service during the year :—

Refuse Collections.

KARRIER BANTAM C.A.J. 630 AND KARRIER C.K. 3
(D.P.Y. 293) (3 Man Crew).

PARISH	EMPTIED			
	Bins	Pans	Ashpits	
Ainderby Steeple ..	735	980	32	
Borrowby ..	620	1,215	1	Total hours worked by
Brompton ..	3,970	7,275	445	crew 6,519
Danby Wiske ..	442	816	28	
Great Langton ..	626	839	8	
Little Danby ..	162	—	—	
Morton-on-Swale ..	735	1,225	14	Total number of loads
Romanby ..	14,990	190	82	582
Silton Over ..	4	6	—	
Silton Nether ..	12	20	—	
Thornton-le-Beans ..	130	160	—	Total Mileage 5,498
Thrintoft ..	255	294	34	
Yafforth ..	366	690	22	
	23,047	13,710	666	

KARRIER C.K. 3 (D.P.Y. 293) AND KARRIER C.K. 3 (H.P.Y. 445) (3 Man Crew).

PARISH	EMPTIED			
	Bins	Pans	Ashpits	
Ainderby Steeple ..	—	—	54	
Appleton Wiske ..	612	1,157	91	
Brompton ..	4,728	99	—	
Borrowby ..	—	—	84	
Deighton ..	262	336	2	
East Harlsey ..	806	1,213	52	Total hours worked by crew 6,735
East Cowton ..	534	391	98	
Hornby ..	84	252	54	
Hutton Bonville ..	52	130	10	
Kiplin ..	—	—	4	Total number of loads 528
Morton-on-Swale ..	—	—	49	
Osmotherley ..	4,919	351	31	
Romanby ..	9,730	310	—	
Smeaton Great ..	379	579	58	Total Mileage 8,146
Smeaton Little ..	—	—	—	
Silton Nether ..	236	284	21	
Silton Over ..	291	248	2	
Thrintoft ..	—	—	22	
Thornton-le-Beans ..	—	—	31	
Welbury ..	511	663	17	
West Rounton ..	186	294	41	
	23,330	6.307	721	

Milk and Ice-Cream (Heat Treatment) Regulations.

There are 8 registered retail milk-sellers in the area. During the year 20 inspections of premises were made.

There are 12 dealers in ice-cream registered by the Council, 3 Osmotherley, 3 Romanby, and 6 Brompton. 10 dealers sell pre-packed products and 2 dealers bulk ice-cream, which is obtained from manufacturers in Northallerton. There are no manufacturers within the Rural area, 16 inspections were made and 4 samples procured. All samples proved satisfactory (Grade I).

Food Inspection.

The slaughter of animals for human consumption is centralised in Northallerton, and the Council's Sanitary Inspectors undertake relief duties at the abattoir when the Urban District Sanitary Inspector is away.

Drainage and Sewerage.

During the year, the settling tanks were emptied in the Parishes of Ainderby Steeple, Morton-on-Swale, Thrintoft, Yafforth, Danby Wiske, East Cowton, Great Smeaton, Hornby, West Rounton, Appleton Wiske, Welbury and Borrowby.

The tanks in Brompton were pumped off and cleansed twice during the year.

The Brompton Romanby Sewerage and Sewage Disposal Scheme is well advanced and it is to be hoped that this scheme is finished soon as conditions at the point of discharge at Romanby are far from satisfactory.

The following table shows details of new sewers laid during 1952.

Parish	Lin. Yds.				
	15 Diam.	12 Diam.	9 Diam.	7 Diam.	6 Diam.
Deighton	—	—	—	—	40
Nether Silton	—	—	200	—	—
Romanby	—	—	—	—	60
Brompton	40	420	390	1,200	560
Thrintoft	—	—	—	—	75
	40	420	590	1,200	735

Closet Conversions.

During the year, the following new water closets were provided by way of conversion.

Parish.	No.
Brompton	8
Borrowby	1
Nether Silton	1
Welbury	1
Romanby	1
Osmotherley	2
Appleton Wiske ..	1
	15

Swimming Baths and Pools.

There are none within the Rural Area.

In conclusion, I should like to express my appreciation of the support which is given to me by members of the Council and my fellow Officials.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your Obedient Servant,

H. TEMPLEMAN.

J. Walker, Printer Northallerton.